



**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE  
City Commission Agenda Memo  
REGULAR MEETING**

**#23-0559**

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**TO:** Honorable Mayor & Members of the  
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

**FROM:** Greg Chavarria, City Manager

**DATE:** June 6, 2023

**TITLE:** Motion Approving the Award of Design Consulting Services for the Las Olas Corridor Mobility Project, including the East and West Corridors, with Kimley-Horn & Associates, Inc. and WSP USA, LLC. - (**Commission Districts 2 and 4**)

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**Recommendation**

Staff recommends the City Commission approve the Award of Design Consulting Services for the Las Olas Corridor Mobility Project with Kimley-Horn & Associates (Kimley-Horn) and with WSP USA, LLC. (WSP).

**Background**

On June 15, 2021, the City Commission accepted the Las Olas Mobility Vision Plan which identified improvements along Las Olas Boulevard from Andrews Avenue to State Road A1A. The Vision Plan included five-character areas split between two corridor plans – the East and the West. The Eastern Plan included the Beach, Las Olas Isles, and Colee Hammock character areas and the Western plan included the Retail Shops and the Downtown.

City staff created a three-year funding plan to assist with advancing the project. The Community Investment Plan identified \$3,000,000 for FY2023, \$2,500,000 for FY24, and \$1,500,000 for FY25. City staff, based on the City Commission feedback, planned to utilize the FY23 funding to advance the design efforts for the Western Corridor with the Eastern Corridor design efforts starting in FY24. The City Commission also requested that the Colee Hammock character area be moved from the Eastern Corridor and included as part of the Western Corridor design efforts.

On January 17, 2023, the Procurement Services Division issued Request for Qualifications (RFQ) No. 12739-1031. The City received Proposals from the following two (2) firms in response to the solicitation, which were opened on March 8, 2023:

1. Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.
2. WSP USA, LLC.

Both firms were reviewed for compliance with the solicitation requirements and deemed responsive and responsible.

None of the firms claimed a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise status.

On April 12, 2023, the Evaluation Committee heard presentations from both firms. After discussion and consideration, the Evaluation Committee's scores resulted in a tie between both firms.

On May 12, 2023, the Evaluation Committee re-convened for the purposes to further discuss and consider the Proposal responses and re-score. Procurement staff conducted the re-scoring process with the Evaluation Committee. It produced tie scores again.

Since the Evaluation Committee determined both Kimley-Horn and WSP USA, LLC to be the highest ranked, responsive, and responsible proposers, staff recommends in the City's best interest to exercise Section 2.17 of the solicitation where it states, "The City reserves the right to award a contract to more than one Consultant as is in the City's best interest." and for the City Commission to award the solicitation to both firms and assign a corridor to each.

On May 23, 2023, the City's Procurement Services Division posted an Intent to Award which prompted the five-day protest period. During the five-day period, the City did not receive any protests.

If the City Commission approves the award of design consulting services for the Las Olas Corridor Mobility Project to both firms, the next step is for City staff to start negotiations with each of them. After each negotiation effort is completed, the proposed agreement(s) will require further City Commission approval. City staff anticipates issuing the specific scopes of work through task orders, once the proposed agreement(s) are executed.

Currently, there is no construction funding in place to advance this project from design to construction. City staff have submitted grant applications for construction funding and will continue to pursue funding opportunities.

### **Resource Impact**

The fiscal impacts are unknown at this time as negotiations need to occur. The Community Improvement Plan includes \$7,000,000 in funding over the next three years. The fiscal impacts will be included in the subsequent City Commission action(s) to approve agreements with the awarded firms.

### **Strategic Connections**

This item is a *2022 Top Commission Priority*, advancing the Infrastructure and Resilience initiative.

This item supports the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2024 Strategic Plan*, specifically advancing:

- The Infrastructure Focus Area
- Goal 2: Build a multi-modal and pedestrian friendly community.
- Objective: Improve roads, sidewalks, and trails to prioritize a safer, more walkable, and bikeable community.

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035 Vision Plan: We Are Ready*

This item supports the *Advance Fort Lauderdale 2040 Comprehensive Plan*, specifically advancing:

- The Infrastructure Focus Area
- The Transportation & Mobility Element
- Goal 1: Ensure the equitable development of a Complete Network for transportation that prioritizes Safety and emphasizes multimodal mobility and accessibility.

### **Attachments**

Exhibit 1 - Solicitation No. 12739-1031

Exhibit 2 - Kimley-Horn & Associates, Inc. Solicitation Response

Exhibit 3 - WSP USA, LLC. Solicitation Response

Exhibit 4 – Las Olas Vision Plan Cost Estimates

Exhibit 5 - Location Map

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